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President's Message

Stacy Kehoe – President

Fellow Navy Leaguers ...

Fall is my absolute favorite time of the year. The leaves are changing colors. The temperatures are cooler. Candy Apples and Apple cider and pies, abound. What is there not to love about the Fall? As we continue through the 2020 year, times are shifting. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Navy Ball this year due to Covid-19. I know we are all going to miss this event. It is the true highlight of every year.

However, we can still celebrate and honor our "Blue and Gold" teams at home. For October 13, 2020, decorate your homes in Blue and Gold! This could mean changing your outside light bulbs (any hardware

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Member Meeting Picnic.....Oct 17
Armed Forces ParadeOct 23
Veterans DayNov 11
Annual Meeting Dinner (tentative).....Dec 3

Member Meeting on Saturday, October 17

If the splendid Fall weather holds, you will be thanking your Board of Directors and we will all be taking credit for scheduling the next Member meeting at 12 noon on October 17^h at the Tennessee Riverpark – off the same road on Amnicola that leads by the NOSC ("Naval Reserve Center") -- near the Fallen Five Monument.

On the other hand, if the weather doesn't cooperate, the adage, "Success has many parents, Failure is an orphan", will apply as we all run for cover! However, we have good reason to be optimistic. We had a an exhilarating, health conscious picnic meeting there back in June. The setting is beautiful. The parking is close-by. The ability to space out and have the amount of social distancing anyone wants to have makes this a

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store/Ebay/Amazon, etc), making a homemade poster to hang out your windows, and any other way to show your support for our Navy. Once you finish decorating, take plenty of pictures and send them to me at slk40ax@gmail.com. I will then re-post them on our Facebook group and page. I will send them to Shane as well so he can add them to our website. Willard Rice, Jr will also put these in the next Compass Points issue so please be sure to really decorate and show your Navy Pride!

Our next gathering is 17 OCT 2020 at RiverPark starting at 1200 hours. This is our picnic luncheon so please bring your own picnic basket. Rear Admiral Raymond Alexander, USN (RET) is our guest speaker. He is a great friend to board members David Smith and Alden Perry. His biography is included in this issue. At our picnic, we will vote on our proposed, amended Bylaws. Please plan on bringing the entire family as well.

I hope to see all of you there.

Regards,

Stacy

safe place, especially with the breeze coming off the river. If you expect to be close to anyone, be aware of the courtesy and precaution of wearing a mask is still being advised by the CDC for protecting other people.

OK .. That's enough selling! The primary attraction is going to be our speaker, **Rear Admiral Raymond Alexander USN (RET)**. In reading his biography, you will see even a short talk about his background will expand every one's knowledge of a vital part of the Navy that most know little about.

This will be an **official member meeting**. We will, be VOTING on an update to our Council's BY-LAWS. We need as many members attending as possible.

Just bring your picnic lunch and, if you wish, a lawn chair, so you can position yourself anywhere. There are some benches and tables but you will have more flexibility if you have your own chair.

Mask wearing precautions for public events

The news that even the President now has Covid 19 brings home the fact that the pandemic is far from over in spite of hope that it's on a downward slope. Although our state and local officials have relaxed their guidance somewhat, individuals still should follow the CDC guidelines. Those guidelines are that it is necessary to distance and wear masks in order to protect nearby people. Outdoor meetings are highly recommended. That is why, in this still unsettled situation, our Council has planned our October 17th meeting as an outdoor picnic in a place with plenty of room and fresh air for maximum health protection.

It is important to keep in mind that the type of masks most people wear (cloth-based woven masks) primarily function to reduce spread to others (ie: exhalations that may contain virus). Those kinds of masks minimally prevent inhaling of virus. In other words, the mask you wear protects other people. Only when everyone in proximity wears a mask do the masks actually help each person. It's not a question of being "brave enough" not to wear a mask or to believe you are not at risk. Though you very well may think that, it is concern & protection for others that mask wearing provides. If you want greater self-protection, take it a step further and wear a KN95 mask.

RADM Alexander to speak at Oct 17th meeting

Rear Adm. Raymond Alexander USN (RET) is a native of Taylor Michigan and a 1975 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He holds a Master of Engineering in Structural Engineering from the University of Tennessee. Alexander received his commission as an Ensign, Civil Engineer Corps USN via the ROTC commissioning source and was the honor graduate at the Basic Civil Engineer Corps Officer School.

Alexander's active duty operational tours were as the Engineering Officer/Airfield Project Officer Diego Garcia and OIC Detachment Greece with NMCB 133, and as Officer in Charge, Construction Battalion Unit 403, USNA.

Upon his release from active duty and acceptance of a reserve commission he reported to Naval Construction Force Support Unit 2 as the S2; Alfa Company Commander/Operations Officer/Executive Officer NMCB 24; Chief Staff Officer 3rd Naval Construction Regiment; Commanding Officer NMCB 24; Deputy Command Engineer US Southern Command; Deputy Fleet Civil Engineer USNAVCENT; and Commander 3rd Naval Construction Regiment.

Upon selection to Flag rank, he was assigned as the Commander, Officer in Charge of Construction Pacific/Deputy Commander 3rd Naval Construction Brigade; Deputy Commander 1st Naval Construction Division, and finally Deputy Chief of Civil Engineer/Contingency Engineering.



RADM Raymond Alexander USN (RET)

During his tour as Chief of Staff for the 3rd Naval Construction Regiment, he was recalled to active duty and deployed to Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Shield/Desert Storm where he led the construction of defensive positions and salvage efforts after the battle of Kafji and then led the Seabee detachment as part of the MEF quartering party

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NOSC has a new CO



LCDR Remillard saying his farewell Sept 15th



LCDR Remillard passing the reins to incoming LCDR Jones

RADM Alexander speaking Oct 17th.....

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during the ground assault into Kuwait.

Again, he was recalled to active duty in 2004 and deployed to Iraq to Command the First Marine Expeditionary Force Engineer Group (I MEG) and led all construction operations for I MEF in the Al Anbar province. He was named the reconstruction manager for the City of Fallujah post battle.

RADM Alexander's civilian career parallels his military one. He started as a design engineer in the Tennessee Valley Authority's Nuclear Engineering group, became the Lead Civil Engineer at Watts Barr Nuclear Plant, Engineering Director for the Eastern Region for TVA's River Operations, and finally TVA's Corporate Nuclear Engineering Design Manager.

After retiring from TVA in 2006, he became the Chief Engineer and eventually Executive Vice President for Professional Project Services of Oak Ridge, TN. Being offered an opportunity to work abroad again, he accepted a two-year assignment as the Engineering and Assurance Director for the UK Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) for Project Mensa – a \$2B nuclear weapons related construction project.

Upon his return, he accepted a 2 ½ year assignment as the Senior Director for Mission Support at DOE's Nevada Nuclear Security Site north of Las Vegas, responsible to ensure the 1343 sq. mi. site remained operational 24/7 as well as all site modernization, procurement, IT and Environmental/Health/Safety efforts. Mr. Alexander retired from his civilian career in 2020 and is currently consulting on various projects for TVA and Jacobs Engineering.

Mr. Alexander is a registered professional engineer in the states of Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri, Idaho, Nevada, Texas, and New Mexico, and a Certified Project Manager Professional. His awards include, the Legion of Merit (3), Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (2), Navy Commendation Medal (2) and Navy Achievement Medal (3) and is a qualified Seabee Combat Warfare Officer.

Council By-Laws

- - to be modernized



Proposed Changes to Council By-Laws

The Covid 19 pandemic has created a new reality- a reality that it isn't always possible to hold meetings in person. This situation may continue a short while or linger on for many months. The inability to meet in person hampers our ability to transact official business which has traditionally required in-person meetings. Fortunately, internet technology has evolved to a point where it is practical to join together and collaborate in on-line meetings.

To make such meetings able to transact legally binding legal functions, we need to amend our By-Laws to authorize such functions to be enacted in a virtual format. Accordingly, the Board has amended the By-Laws and is now submitting them to the Members for approval. **We plan to put the revised By-Laws to a Member vote at the October 17th Member meeting.**

In an attachment to the same e-mail message which has delivered this *Compass Points* issue to you, there is a copy of the revised, proposed By-Laws for your review. The proposed changes, mostly to permit virtual functioning, appear in red.

Congressman Fleischmann brings us up to date

As readers of the August *Compass Points* issue will recall, the big event that we were looking forward to attending the MOAA meeting at which US Representative Chuck Fleischmann was to be the speaker. Navy Leaguers were invited to attend either in person or by Zoom. A small, but enthusiastic contingent of Navy leaguers attended. And others by Zoom. .Much appreciation to Chuck being there.

Our Council's Secretary, David Smith was part of the small contingent of Navy Leaguers who honored Fleishmann by being there too. Following is David's report:

Chuck Fleishmann provided the group some background information about his job in Congress. It was noted that Congressman Fleischmann is the ranking member on the National Defense Appropriations Committee involved in legislation to overcome the budget problems associated with the National Defense Appropriation Act that has affected all our Military Services budget spending.

Congressman Fleischmann also stated that he was involved with the following subcommittees: Homeland Security, Energy and Water, and Labor, Health, and Human Services, Education, and related agencies. Congressman Fleischmann noted that Congress has been heavily involved on issues associated with the COVID-19 virus and he anticipated that a bill would soon pass to provide more money to people that needed hardship financial assistance. At the end of his speech, he fielded questions from the floor – the answers to which rounded out awareness on many issues.



US Congressman Chuck Fleischmann addressing MOAA and Navy League guests

.....And thanks, Chuck, for renewing your Chattanooga Navy League membership!

Sign of the times.....



From RT Stacy Kehoe, Larson Mick, Billy Hewitt, Rep Fleischmann, Mickey McCamish and., on left end, David Smith—as far as we can tell!

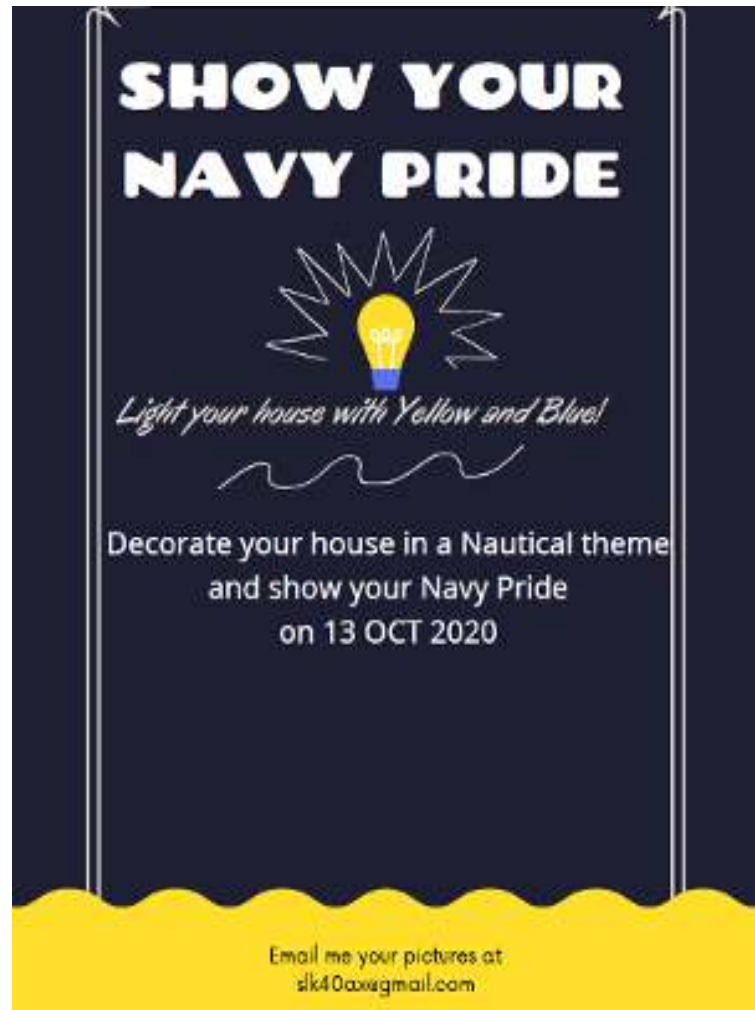
Navy's Birthday: Who Took the Cake?

Usually, our Chattanooga Navy League climbs aboard with the Navy to celebrate the anniversary of the US Navy's founding by highlighting it at our Navy Ball each October. With no Navy Ball this year, that means no cake!

But you can still celebrate! Our Council President, Stacy Kehoe, reports that there is a movement afoot for individuals to decorate homes and other buildings with some kind of display that proudly shows appreciation for the Navy and its serving members on October 13th

Blue and Gold tells the story. Here are some sources for quickly procuring some attractive items that can be used now and in years ahead. Just check Home Depot or search "blue light bulbs" at eBay or Amazon and you'll find something you can combine with a US Navy flag is available for just \$6 at Amazon and maybe other sources too—and quickly obtainable.

And as she wrote in her letter, take photos and send them to her!



E-mail photos to: slk40ax@gmail.com

COUNCIL OFFICER and DIRECTOR NOMINATIONS

At our Annual Meeting on December 3rd, members will be asked to vote on Officers and Directors for our Council for the upcoming year, 2021. The Council's Nominating Committee is chaired by Mickey McCamish. Members wishing to present a candidate for nomination should contact Mickey at mickey@riverbendfestival.com no later than October 31st so that the person can be included in the slate of candidates.

LOCKHEED MARTIN



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The Parade is going on !

It didn't look like it was going to happen, but the CAVC (Chattanooga Area Veterans Council) is coordinating the 2020 Armed Forces Day Parade. The day has slipped a little from May until October 23rd but it's going on. Though it will be in somewhat muted form (no marching bands or for that matter any marching groups), it will be holding the tradition of an annual Chattanooga commemoration of the US Armed Forces intact.

The CAVC searched for a way to hold a parade under this year's special conditions and determined that the best way to do it was with an all-vehicle event— so the Show is Going On!

The bulletin from the CAVC announced this:

This year's parade will honor the military and First Responders (police, fire fighters, EMT's). It will be 23 October starting at 1030 on Market St. It will run from MLK to 4th St. where parade vehicles will disperse. There will not be anyone on foot...no marchers, no bands, and no JROTC units. People coming out to watch the parade are asked to wear a mask and observe social distancing guidelines.



Navy League to be in Armed Forces Day Parade Oct 23

The CAVC is holding a vehicle-only parade at 10:30 am in downtown Chattanooga. Navy League will have a car emblazoned with our signs and filled with patriotic Navy Leaguers!

Come see the event! And lend a cheer

Annual Member Meeting

Navy League councils are required to hold an annual member meeting to vote on the Officers and Directors who have been nominated for the following year.. Our plan is to do this on December 3rd in combination with a Holiday/Christmas party. There will more communications on this as we get closer to the date. We will be researching all the possibilities for making this a safe meeting to gather at. We welcome any suggestions from the members.

In Memoriam....

This past week a bookend on an important, but tragic, Chattanooga event transpired. Clynton Tracy Smith, father of US Navy seaman Randall Smith, was laid to rest after a heroic battle with cancer. Randy was one of the Fallen Five on July 16, 2015 an event that was seared into the memory of Chattanoogaans and Navy Leaguers in particular. When we are having our picnic near the Wreath of Honor Memorial on October 13th, we surely will feel a closeness to Randy and now his father who had to bear the untimely loss of his son.

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- Educate community leaders about the importance of Sea Power to our nation's survival and continued prosperity
- Directly support the men and women serving in the Navy Marines, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.
- Support Sea Service family members: parents, spouses, children and other relatives of service members
- Support the youth of our communities by giving time, talent, and money to Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Navy & Marine Corps Junior ROTC units

Our Supported Units



You are invited to

Navy League Member Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2020

at 1200

Tennessee Riverpark

Just off off Amnicola Highway—take access road that leads past the Navy Reserve Center

Social Period & Find your picnic spot | 2:00

Welcome..... | 2:20
Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance | 2:25
Announcements..& By-laws vote..... | 2:30
Address by RADM Alexander..... | 2:45
Closing Remarks/Announcements..... | 3:00
Formal meeting close..... | 4:45

**Visit “Fallen Five”/Wreath of Honor Monument
as you wish, just a few steps away**

Bring your picnic lunch. There are some tables but, to assure that you have adequate social distancing, it would be wise to bring a lawn chair so you can locate where most comfortable for you. Having a mask available will make possible closer contact if you wish.

If you haven't already visited the Fallen Five Memorial, take advantage of this outing to see it. You will be glad you did.